given the name Panteleimon in monasticism. In 1988 Hieromonk Panteleimon was elevated to the rank of Hegumen. He was assigned Pastor (1989) of the Theotokos Temple of Joy to All Sorrowing in Desnogorsk and Acting Dean of the Vyazma Deanery. In 1989 the Diocesan Assembly elected Hegumen Panteleimon as a delegate to the Local Council of the Russian Orthodox Church. From 1991, he was Pastor of St. Nicholas Catholicon in Kaliningrad and was responsible for missionary work in the Kaliningrad Deanery. The Sacred Synod of 23 February 1993 chose him bishop-elect of Balt.

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